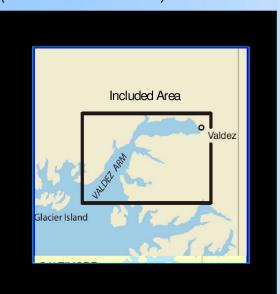
# **BookletChart**

# Prince William Sound - Valdez Arm and Port Valdez

(NOAA Chart 16707)



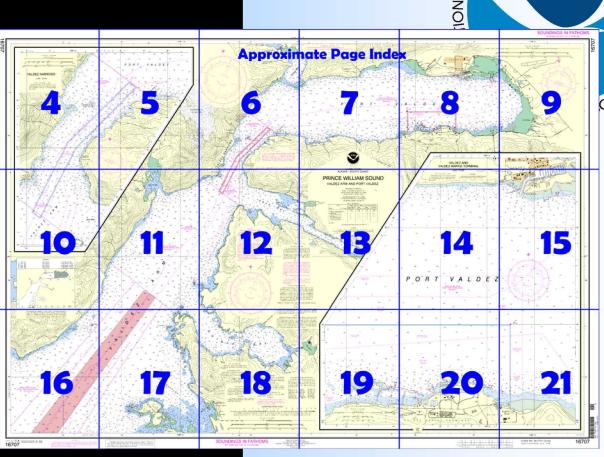
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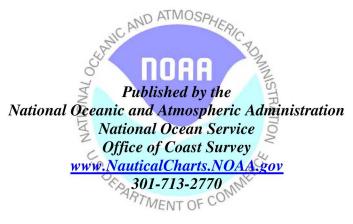
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#### **Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



[Coast Pilot 9, Chapter 4 excerpts] (349) The March 1964 earthquake caused a bottom uplift of 4.6 feet in Comfort Cove. Shoaling and new dangers may exist requiring extreme caution until a complete survey is made of the area.

(357) The waters of the main arm of Port Fidalgo are deep and free from outlying dangers. Vessels can navigate with safety as far as the SE arm at the head of the bay by keeping over 0.3 mile offshore.

(363) Two Moon Bay indents the SE shore of

Port Fidalgo. Low divides cut the peninsula from the heads of its two arms. Good anchorage can be had in the bay at the entrance to either arm, and vessels of moderate size can anchor in the arms in about 10 to 15 fathoms, bottom generally sticky. A midchannel course should be followed in the arms. At the head of the SE arm is a basin trending SW

where small vessels can anchor in 4 to 7 fathoms. The channel is between the W point and a reef bare at low water near the middle of the entrance. (379) **Bligh Reef**, about 2 miles long, has depths of ½ fathom to 9 fathoms and shoals to bare near the center. The reef is marked by **Bligh Reef Light** (60°50′20″N., 146°53′02″W.), 59 feet (18.0 m) above the water and shown from a pile structure with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark. A racon is at the light. The steamship OLYMPIA was lost on Bligh Reef in 1910 and the oil tanker EXXON VALDEZ struck the reef on March 24, 1989.

(381) The diurnal range of tide is 12 feet in Snug Corner Cove in Port Fidalgo. At the entrance to Port Fidalgo, N of Goose Island, the velocity of the current is about 0.5 knot.

(382) **Tatitlek Narrows** separates Busby and Bligh Islands from the main shore, and offers a more direct route for small craft between Port Valdez or Ellamar and points on Port Fidalgo. The channel, marked with daybeacons, has depths of about 4 fathoms, except for a dangerous shoal with a least depth of 8 feet in midchannel about 400 yards SSE of Daybeacon 4, at 60°51'55"N., 146°42'20"W. The channel is narrow with foul ground on both sides; local knowledge is advisable.

(396) **Valdez Narrows** is about 0.8 mile wide, with deep water and bold shores. **Middle Rock**, near the middle of the N end of the narrows and marked by a light, is a pinnacle barely covered at extreme high tides. A shoal, W of the light, extends E from the mainland 0.4 mile. The shoal consists of a rock covered 2 feet at the inner end, a 3½-fathom depth at the outer end, and a wooded islet in between. The tidal currents in the narrows are too weak and variable to be predicted, however, it is reported that deep-draft tankers maneuvering at the regulated low speed of 6 knots will be affected appreciably by the currents. Speed adjustments may be necessary to lessen the effect of the currents on deep-draft vessels. (397) **Entrance Point**, 1 mile N of Jack Bay on the E side of Valdez

Narrows, and **Potato Point**, on the W side of the narrows, are marked by lights. **Entrance Island**, 1.2 mile E of Middle Rock, is marked by a light. (416) **From the W via Elrington Passage**. Pass 1 mile E of Point Helen Light, thence N to 1.5 miles W of Seal Island Light, thence N to 2 miles E of Smith Island, thence E to enter the Prince William Sound Traffic Separation Scheme and depart the scheme at its N end in Valdez Arm, thence through Valdez Narrows and Port Valdez to Valdez.

(419) There are no safe anchorages at Valdez due to the foul ground and high winds that prevail from the W during the afternoons of the summer season. Convenient anchorages in the approaches to Valdez Arm and Port Valdez have been described.

(430) A Coast Guard Marine Safety Office and Vessel Traffic Service Center is in Valdez.

(431) The small-boat harbor is administered by the Harbormaster. The office is located on N shore of the small-boat basin, telephone 907-835-4981, FAX 907-835-4479. The rest of the Port is administered by the Port Director, and that office is located at the head of the ferry terminal dock, telephone 907-835-4981, FAX 907-835-4479. The Valdez Marine Terminal is administered by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, telephone 907-278-1611.

(437) **Valdez Small-Boat Harbor**, the small-boat harbor to the E of the fuel pier, is entered between a breakwater to the W of the entrance and Valdez Spit to the E of the entrance; both are marked by lights. Two seafood plant piers are just inside on the S shore. In June 2003, the controlling depths were 10.8 feet in the entrance channel to the basin, except for lesser depths to 7 feet along the edges of the channel, thence 10.4 to 12 feet in the basin, except for severe shoaling in the SE corner at the head of the project. The far E end of the basin is locally maintained and has depths of 10 to 12 feet. The harbor can accommodate about 520 boats, and transient berths are also available. The **harbormaster** assigns berths, can be contacted on VHF-FM channel 16, and uses channel 8 as a working frequency. Water, electricity, fuel, telephone, cable TV, boatlaunching ramps, and a 60-ton mobile vertical boat lift are available in

the harbor. A tide grid is available for underwater repairs.

(441) Gasoline, diesel fuel, and water are available in the small-boat basin. Provisions and some marine supplies can be obtained in town.

### **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

#### Corrected through NM Feb. 28/09 Corrected through LNM Mar. 03/09

Mercator Projection Scale 1:40,000 at Lat 61° 01' North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS (FATHOMS AND FEET TO ELEVEN FATHOMS) AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

#### PLANE COORDINATE GRID

Alaska State grid, zone 3, based on North American Datum 1927, is indicated by dashed ticks at 2,000 foot intervals. The last three digits

#### CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

#### PLANE COORDINATE GRID

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#### CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

#### POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility it felephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

#### CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

#### AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

#### WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

#### PLANE COORDINATE GRID

Alaska State Grid, zone 3, based on North American Datum 1927, is indicated by dashed ticks at 20,000 foot intervals. The last three digits are omitted.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 9 for important supplemental information.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which Is North American Datum or 1982 (INAD 93), without of or charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 1.897\* southward and 7.308\* westward to agree with this chart.

#### NOAA WEATHER BADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at

Point Pigot, AK KZZ-93 162 450 MHz
Potato Point, AK WNG-527 162 425 MHz
Cape Hinchinbrook WNG-532 162 525 MHz
Valdez, AK WXJ-93 162 55 MHz
Cordova, AK WXJ-79 162 40 MHz
Tripod Mountain, AK WNG-530 162 650 MHz

The area outlined in magenta is a National Marine Fisheries Service monitoring site. Marine activities are discouraged from infringing into the area.

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#### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

#### RADAR REFLECTORS

- Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.
  - For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

#### NOTE D

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The U.S. Coast Guard operates a mandatory Vessel Traffic
Service (VTS) system in Prince William Sound. Vessel
operating procedures and designated radiotelephone
frequencies are published in 33 CFR 161, the U.S. Coast
Pilot, and/or the VTS User's Manual. The entire area of this
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CAUTION During the calving season, Columbia Glacier deposits ice which may drift into the northern part of Prince William Sound. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution and to report all ice sightings

to "Valdez Traffic" on Channel 13 (156.65 MHz)

#### HEIGHTS

Elevations of rocks, bridges,landmarks and lights are in feet and refer to Mean High Water. Contour and summit elevation values are in feet and refer to Mean Sea Level.

#### SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

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Vessel Traffic Services calling-in point with numbers; arrow indicates direction of vessel movement.

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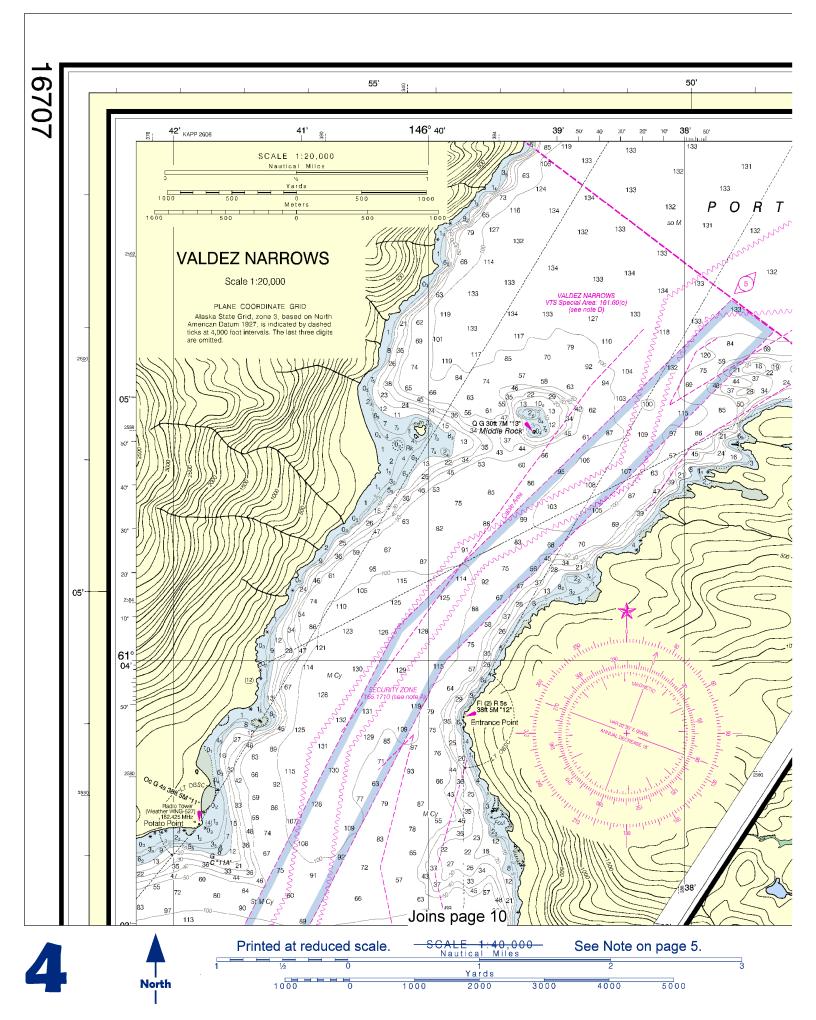
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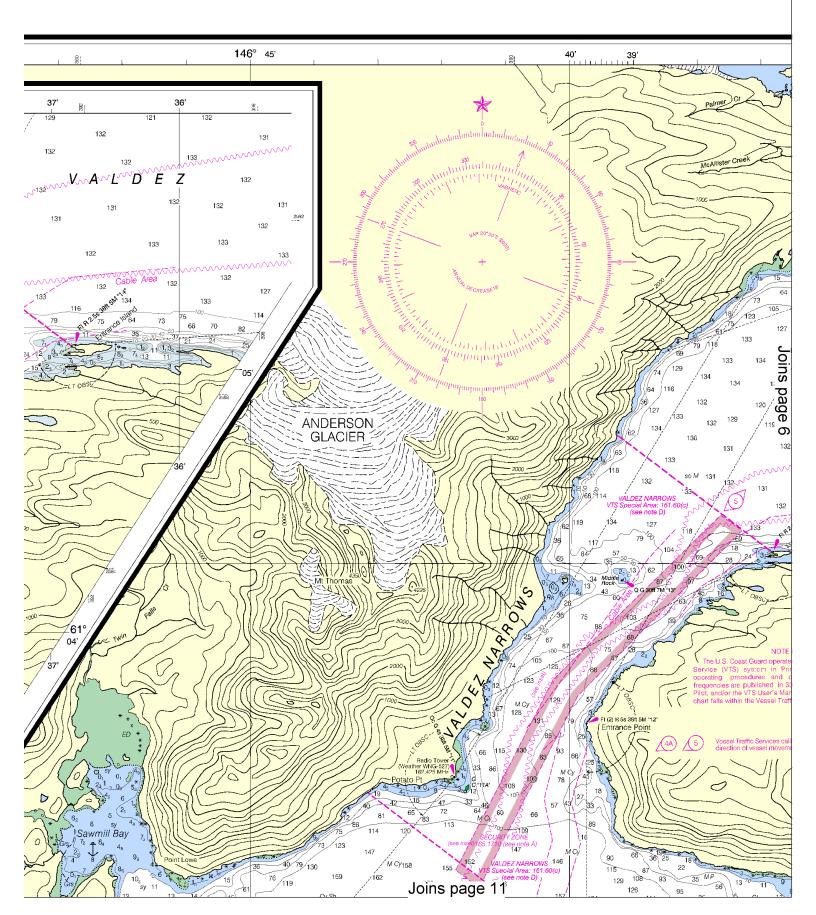
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#### TIDAL INFORMATION

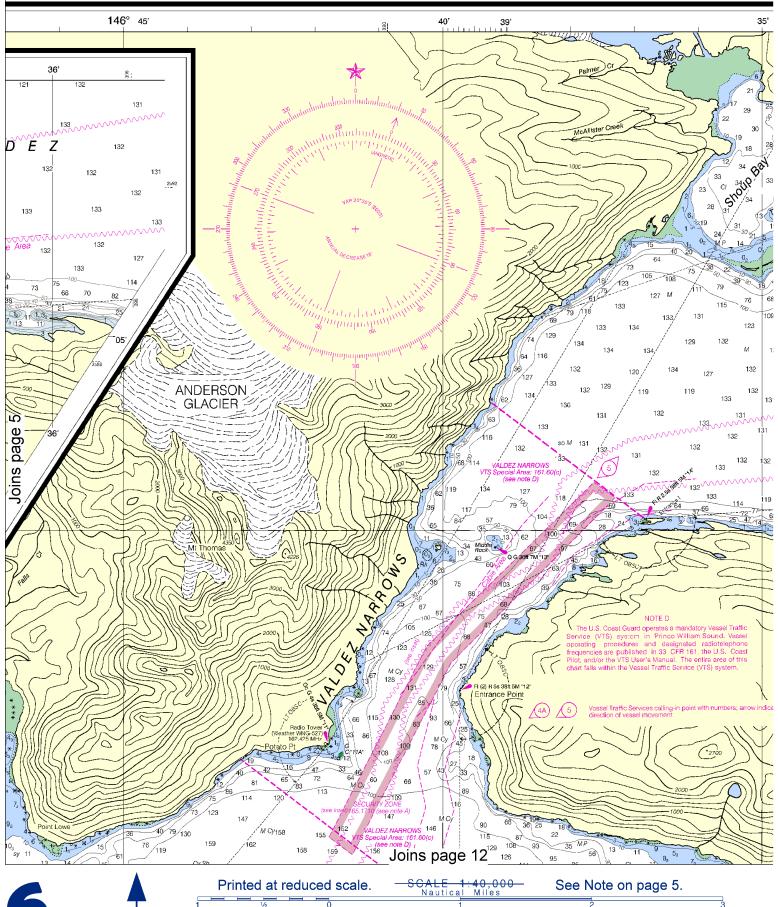
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NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
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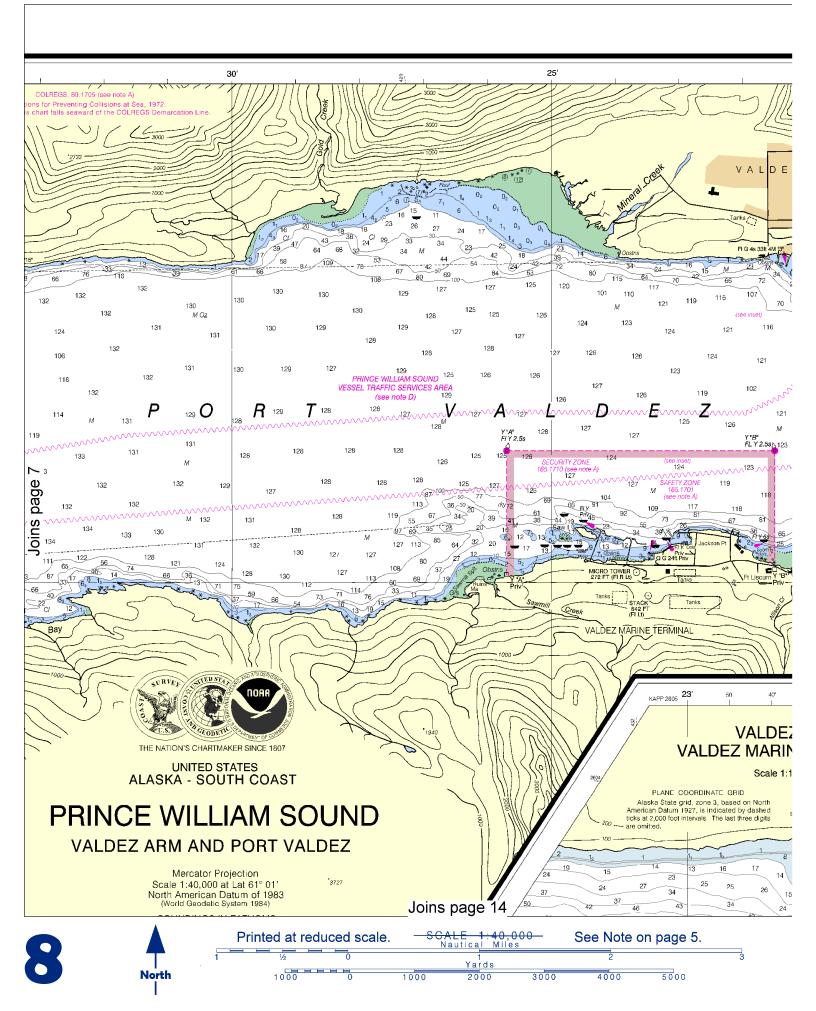


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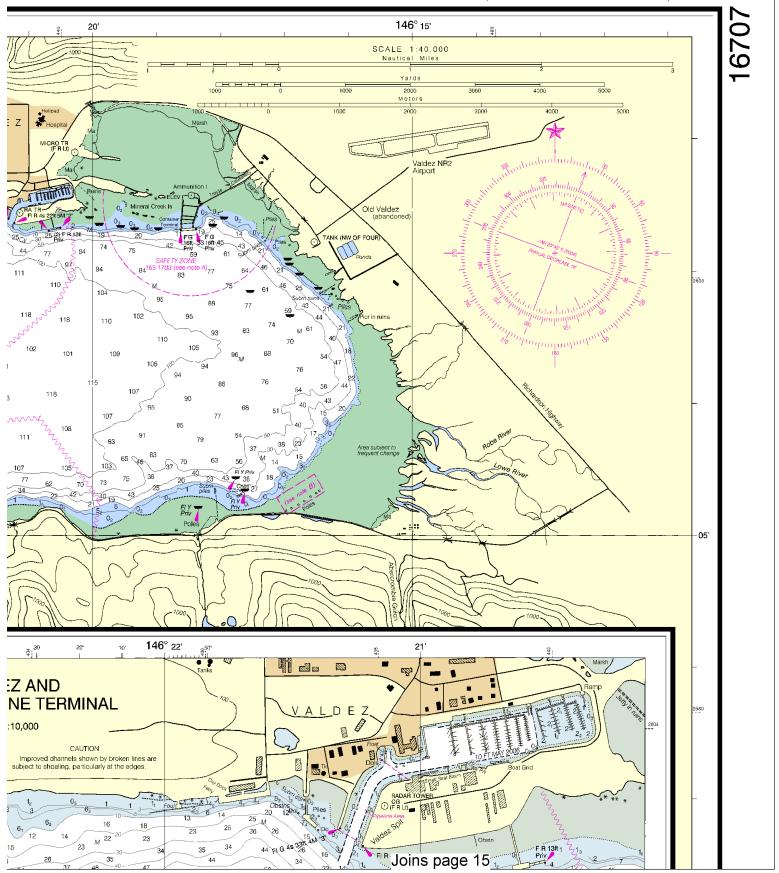




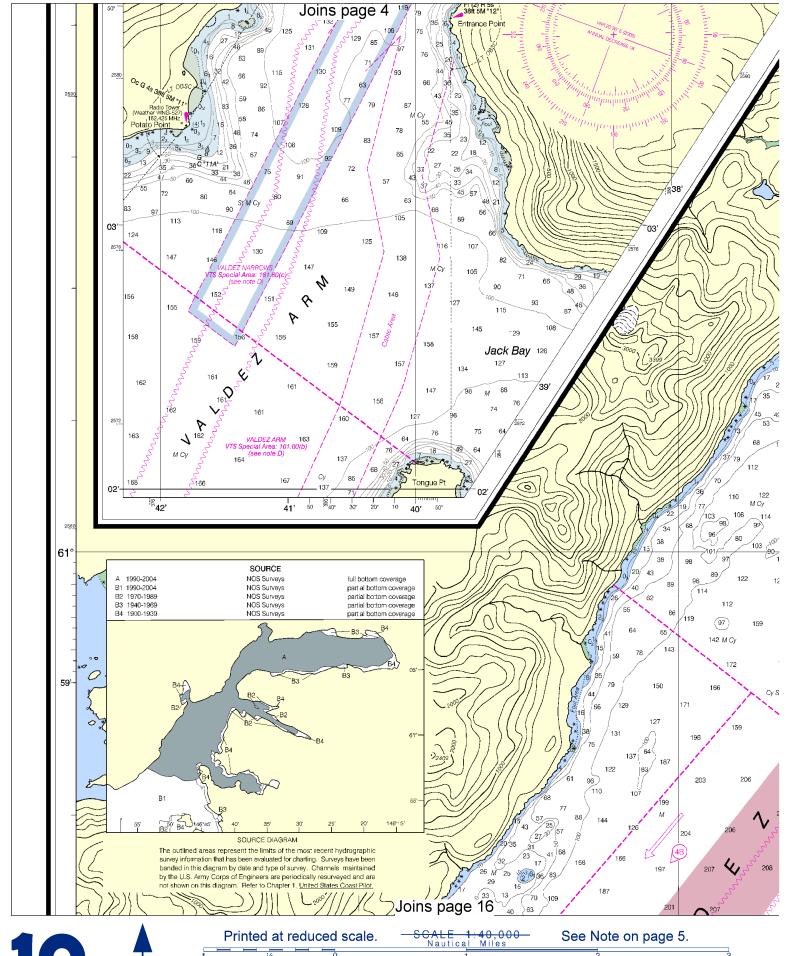


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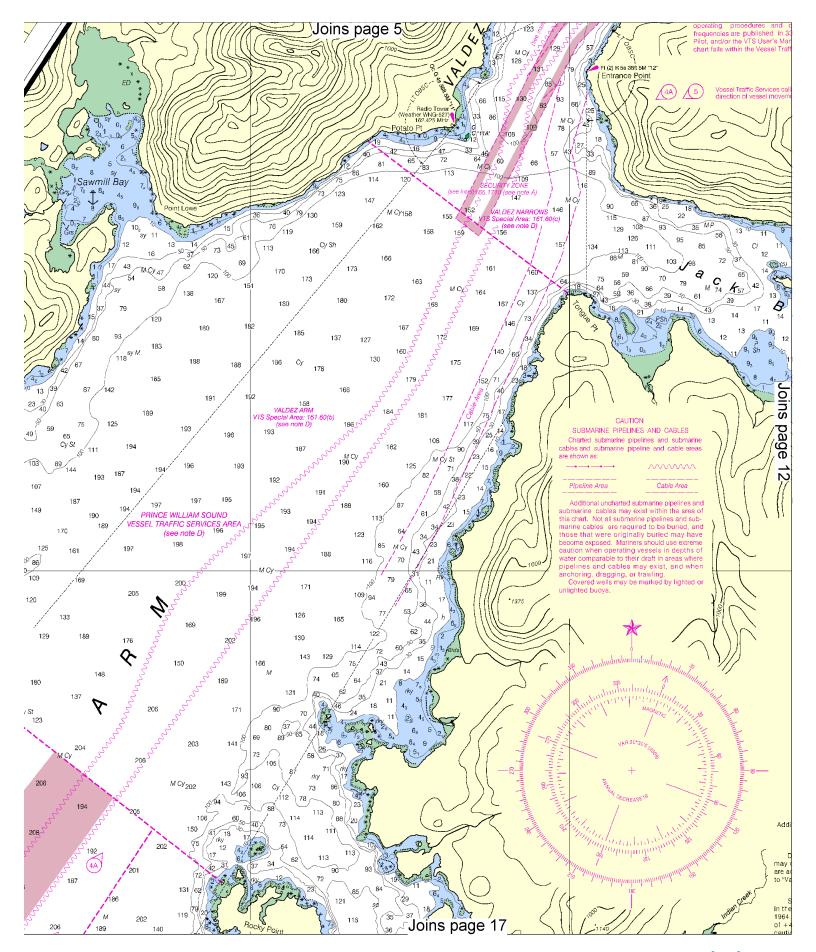


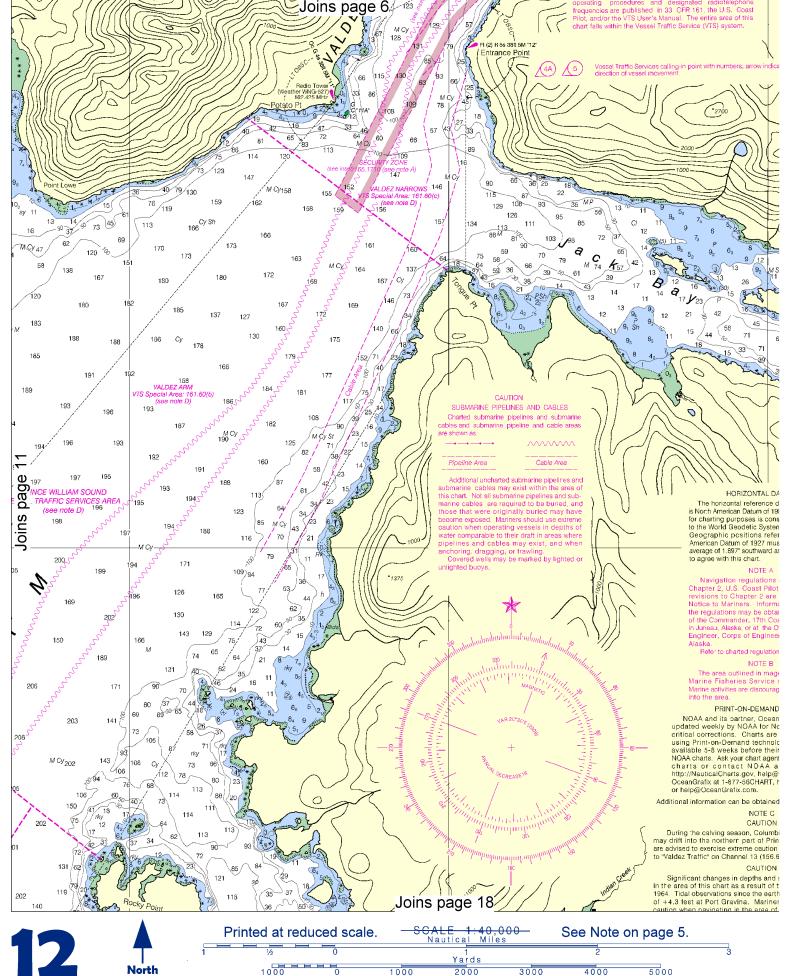


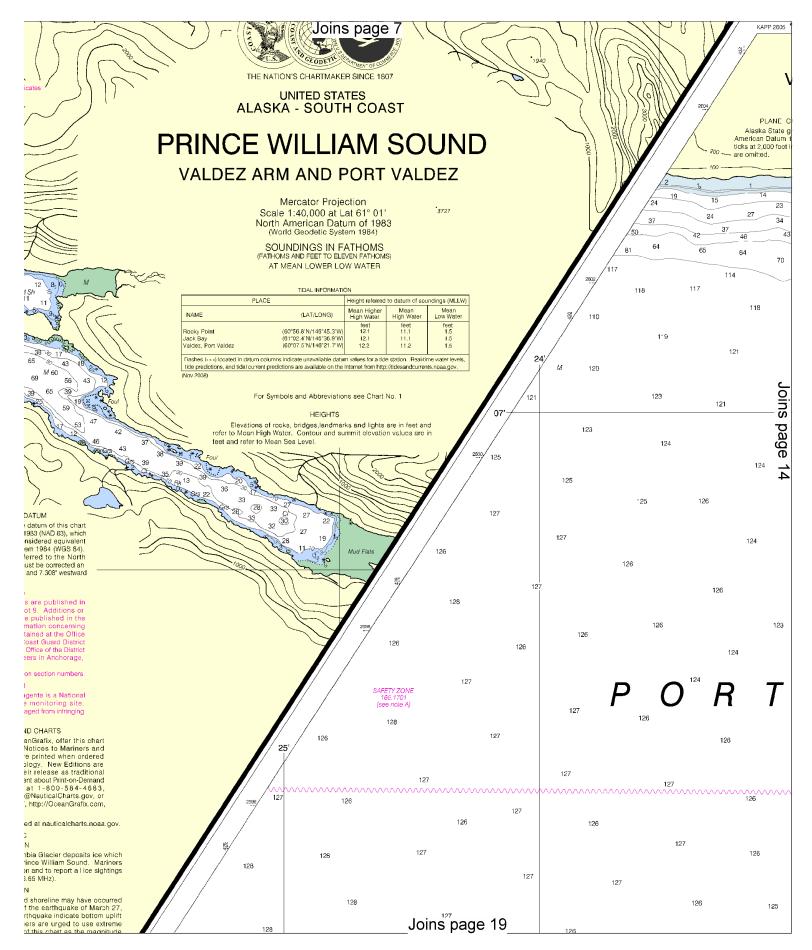


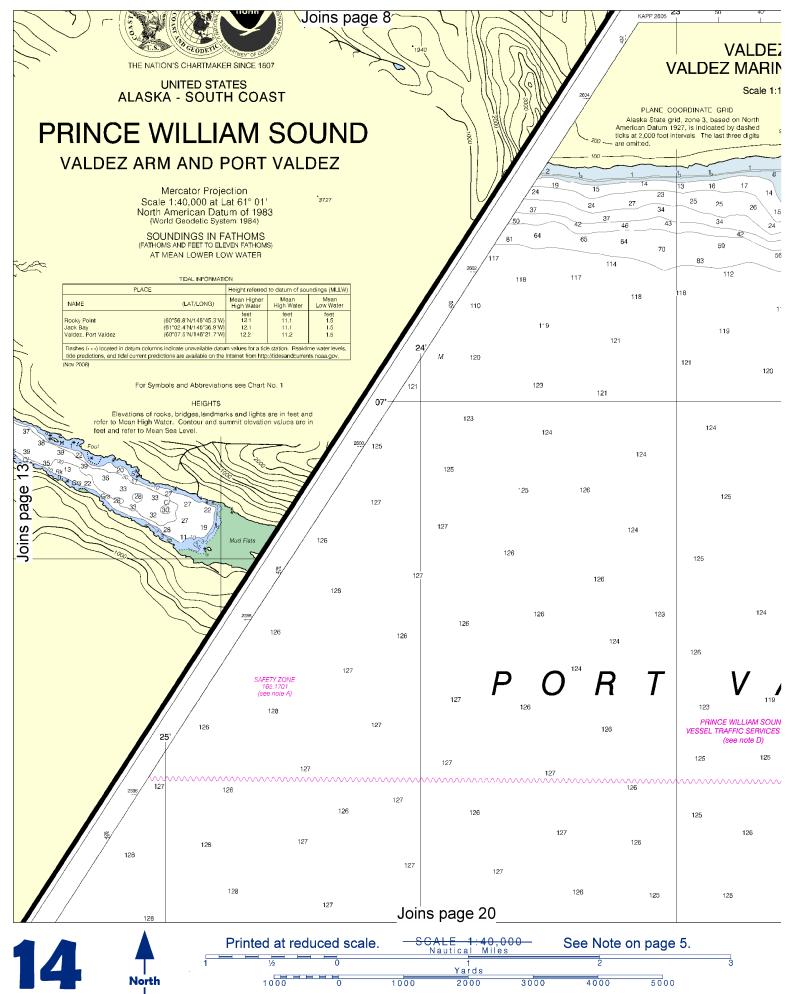




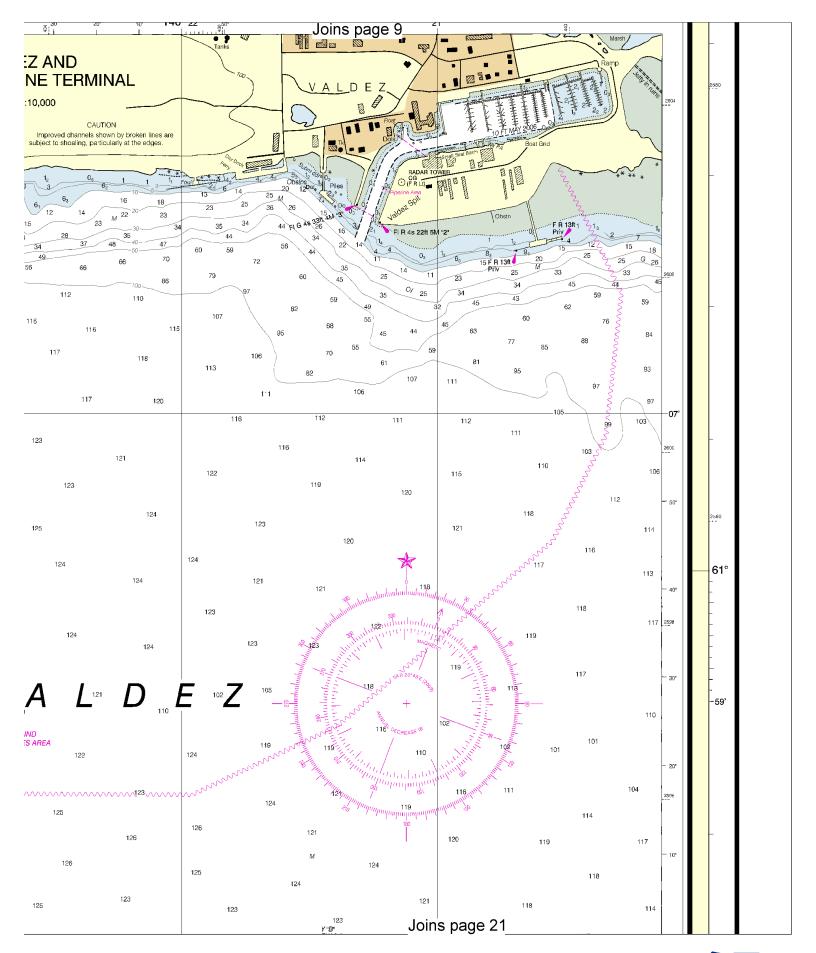


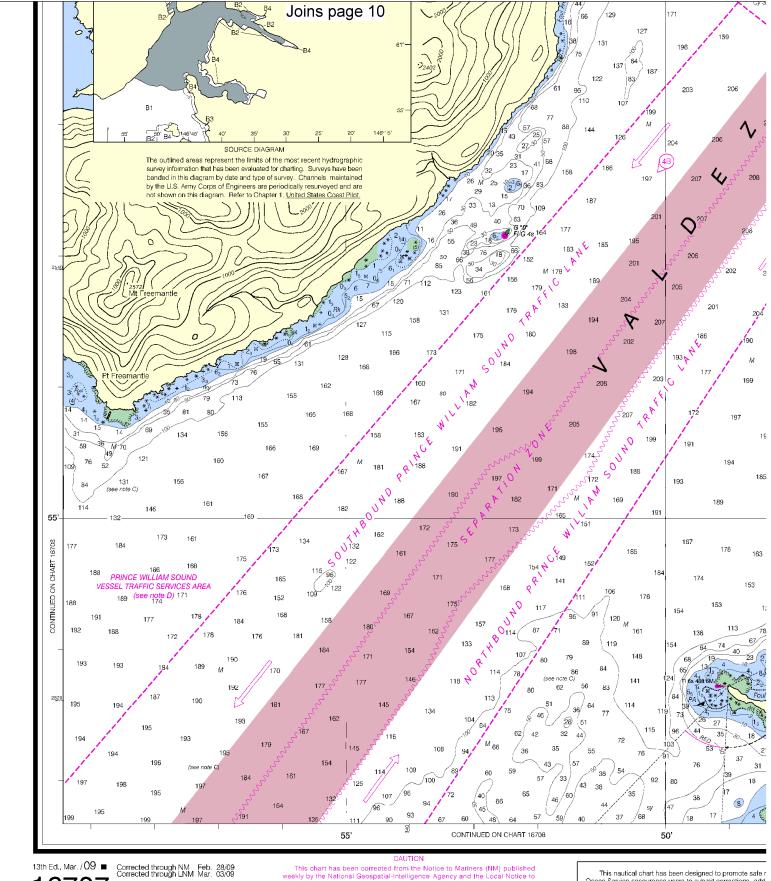












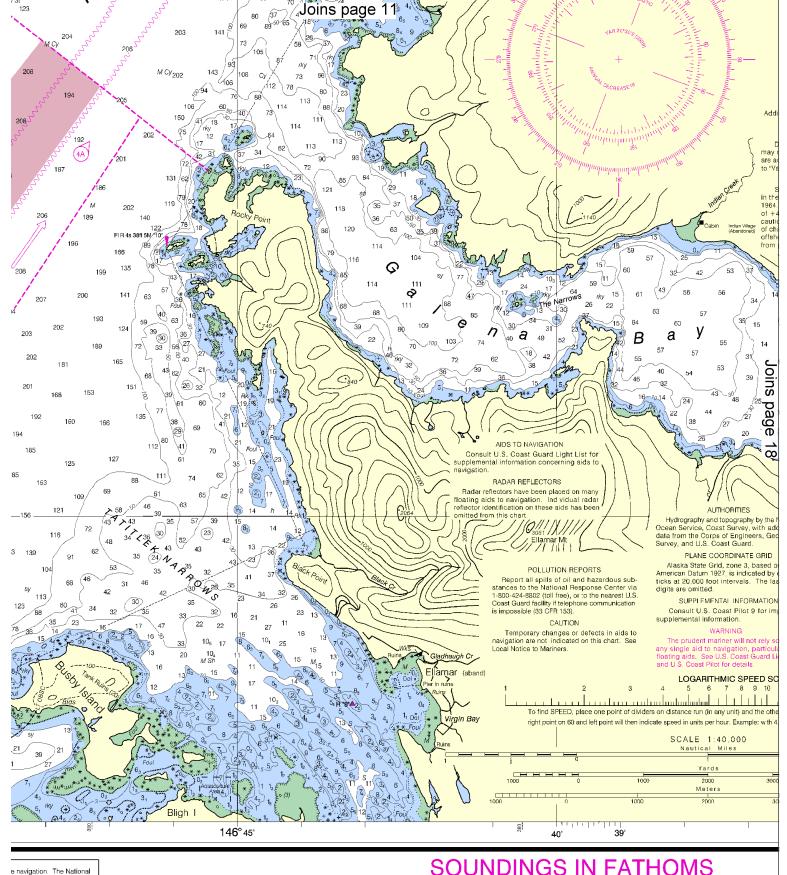
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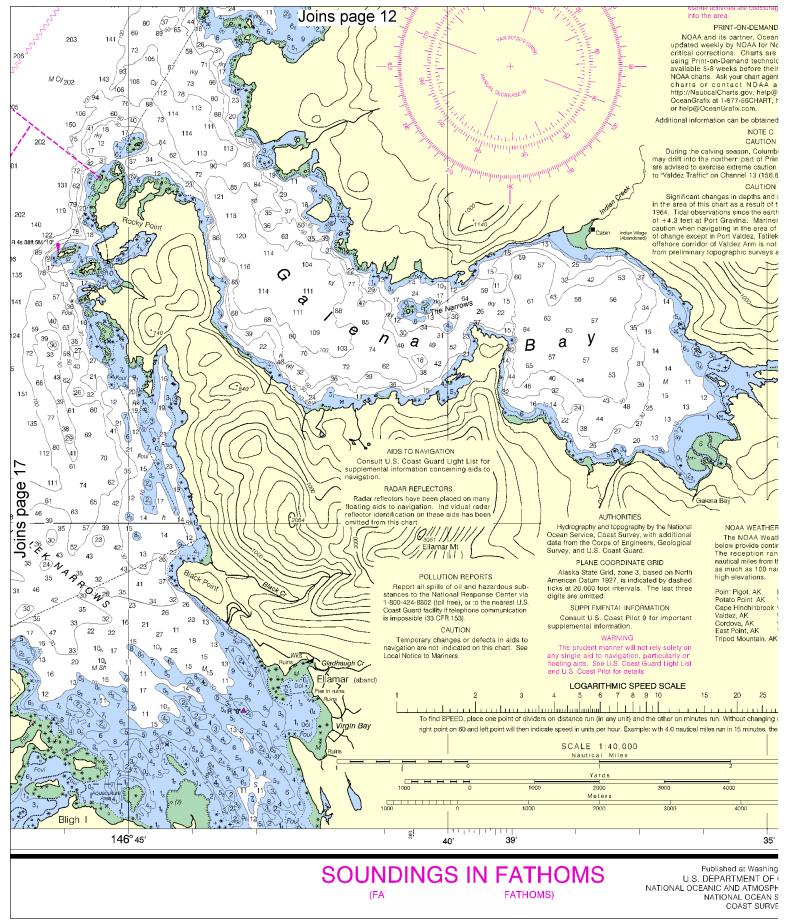




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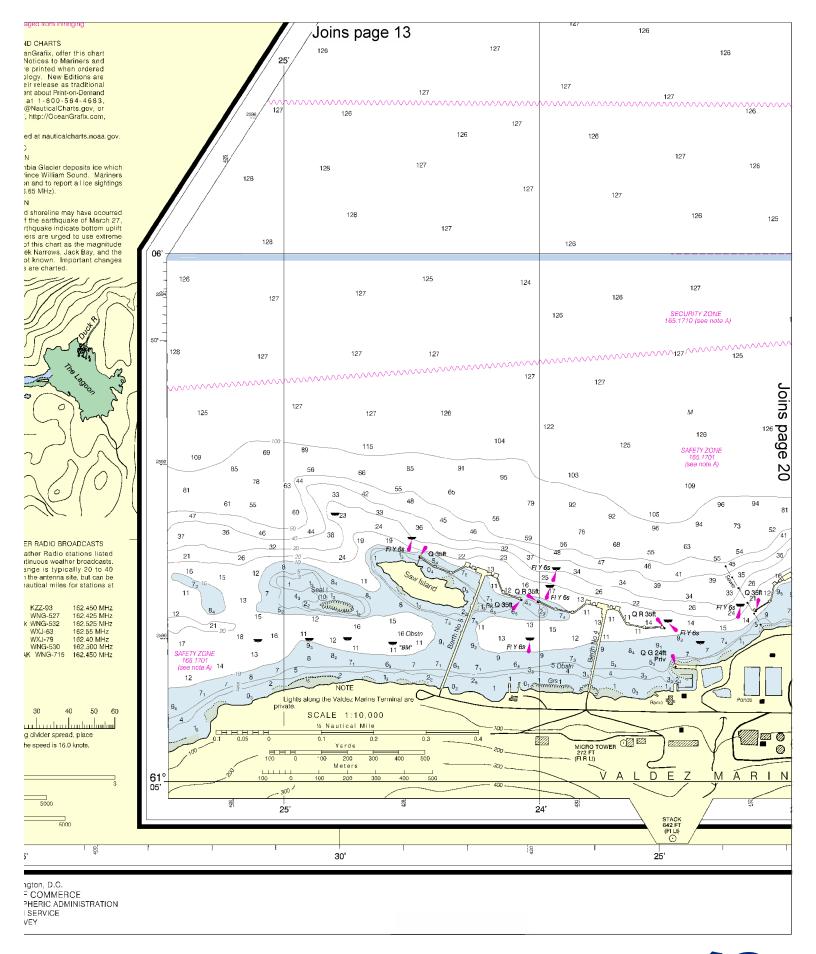
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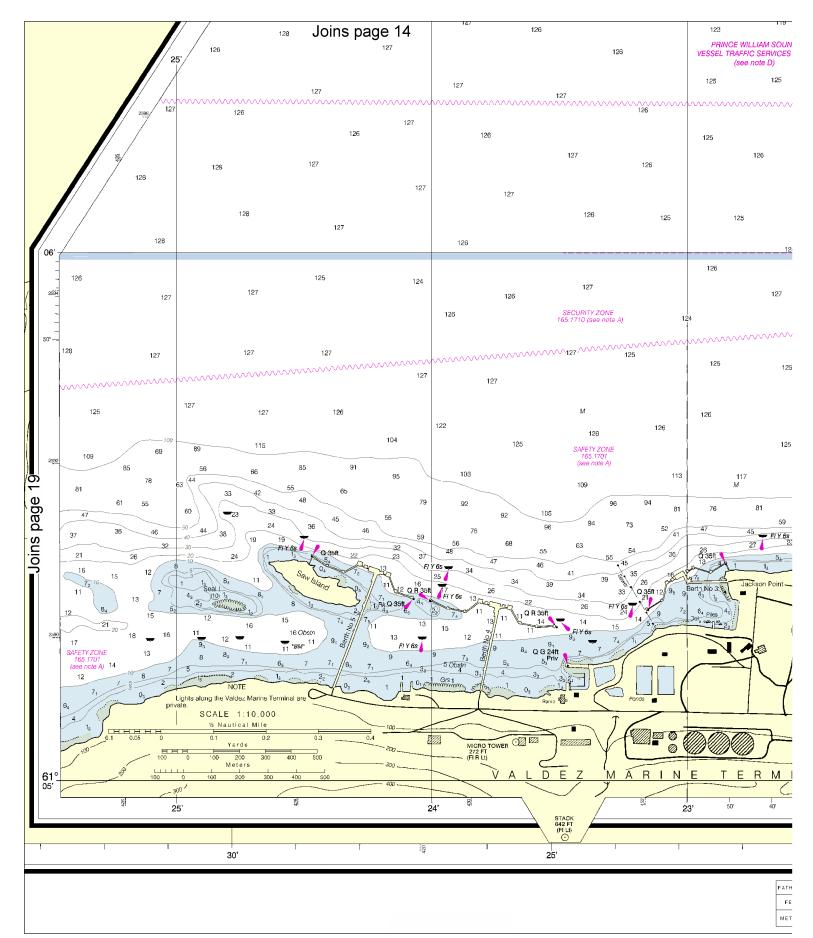
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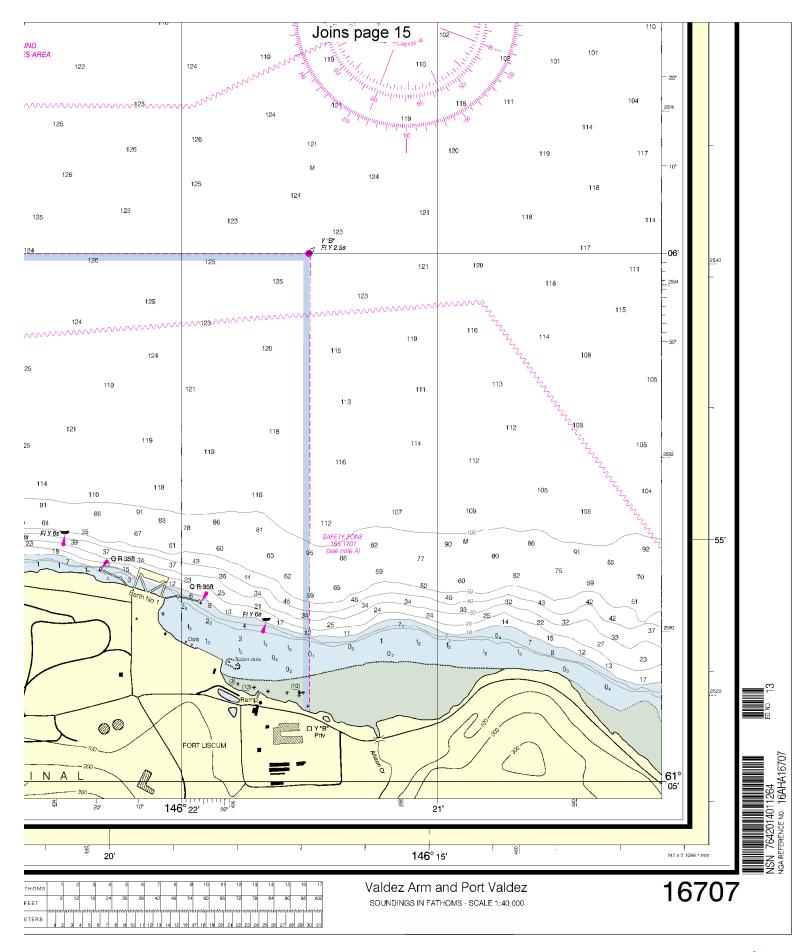






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## **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

#### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

#### Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

#### **Distress Call Procedures**

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

#### HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!!

#### **Mobile Phones** – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Search & Rescue (Pacific Coord) – 510-437-3700

Coast Guard Search & Rescue (RCC Juneau) – 907-463-2000

<u>NOAA Weather Radio</u> – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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